DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, California 95814

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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO: 99 - 62		REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL
TO:	ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS IHSS PROGRAM MANAGERS	 [X] State Law Change [] Federal Law or Regulation Change [] Court Order or Settlement Agreement [] Clarification Requested by One or More Counties [] Initiated by CDSS

SUBJECT: ESTABLISHING EMPLOYER OF RECORD FOR IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES (IHSS) PROVIDERS

REFERENCE: AB 1682, ACL 98-20

This All-County Letter (ACL) provides instructions as required in one of this year's Budget Act implementation bills for social services (AB 1682, Chapter 90, Statutes of 1999). A provision of this bill adds Section 12302.25 to the Welfare and Institution Code (WIC) which states each county on or before January 1, 2003 shall act as an employer or establish an employer of record for providers under WIC 12302.2 for collective bargaining purposes.

Another provision of Section 12302.25, requires the State to develop a timetable for implementation of this requirement. In order to comply with this provision, this letter provides the timetable (Attachment 1) that counties are to use. It requires the counties to submit their first report on January 1, 2000 with additional reports due until the department receives final certification on January 1, 2003.

There is no required format for the first report. (A reporting format will be provided for the second report.) Please submit it to:

Department of Social Services
Adult Programs Branch
Operations and Technical Assistance
744 P Street, MS. 19-96
Sacramento, CA 95814

The language of this statute is complicated. Additional instructions will be issued as requirements for implementation are clarified. Questions regarding this letter can be directed to your Adult Programs Operations and Technical Assistance Analyst at 916) 229-4000.

Sincerely,

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Attachments

ATTACHMENT 1

TIMETABLE

The following table lists the county responsibilities and the required actions necessary for compliance:

STEPS/	AREAS TO ADDRESS	DUE
ACTION		DATE
 Preliminary Plan. 	Describe the county's plan for complying with the provisions of the statute.	1/1/2000
2. Plan and	Report on the county's plan and progress. Counties	1/1/2001
Progress.	may include:	1/1/2002
	Advisory Committee	
	Recommendations	
	Structure	
3. Actions and	Describe county readiness for establishing employer of	7/1/2002
Decisions.	record by 1/1/2003 deadline.	
4. Certification.	Certify county is in compliance with the law.	1/1/2003

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